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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT.

Grant of Lands to Depressed Classes for Cardamom Cultivation.

READ—

Letter No. C. 643—27-28, dated 14th October 1927, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, recommending the grant of lands for cardamom cultivation to the members of the depressed classes subject to certain conditions.

ORDER No. R. 5046-9—L. R. 243-27-2, DATED 9TH JANUARY 1928.

Certain Adikarnatakas of Chikmagalur and Mudgere Taluks of Kadur District, applied for free grant of land for cardamom cultivation under the rules relating to grant of lands to depressed classes. The Deputy Commissioner was doubtful if members of these classes would be able to cultivate cardamom lands with their small resources and whether their applications, which are generally *benami*, for the free grant of such lands should be complied with. He accordingly referred the matter to the Revenue Commissioner for orders. The Revenue Commissioner states that there is no reason why members of the depressed classes should be denied the concession in regard to grant of lands for cardamom cultivation as in the case of coffee lands and recommends that the Government Order No. R. 2239-42—L. R. 94-25-3, dated 6th November 1925, passing orders in regard to the grant of coffee lands to members of the depressed classes may be made applicable to cardamom lands also; that the members of the depressed classes may be granted not more than 5 acres of land in each case for cardamom cultivation without auction at an upset price, which may be fixed by the Deputy Commissioners on the merits of each case, care being taken to see that the applicant who gets the land has sufficient resources either in the way of an adequately large family or some capital to carry on the undertaking.

2. Government approve of the Revenue Commissioner's recommendation and direct that the grants may be made subject to the execution of a mutchalika by the grantees in the form laid down in Government Order No. R. 869-78—L. R. 75-25-2, dated 18th August 1925, stating that they will not alienate the lands for a period of fifteen years.

3. The applications in question may be disposed of in the light of this order.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.